

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) Suspended ceiling, comprising:
~~constituted on the one hand by at least one~~

support elements (1), the support elements comprising
peripheral rails and median rails (1) held with respect to the
ceiling;

canvas hooking means provided on one side of the median
rails;

tile holding means provided on another side of the
median rails;

a canvas (4) tightened ~~by its~~ at a periphery border
free end (25) thereof on the support elements (1);

~~fast with the ceiling and/or the walls of a room,~~
~~characterized in that it is constituted, on the other hand, by~~

ceiling tiles (5) held by ~~these~~ the support elements
with the aid of the tile holding means allowing the tiles (5) to
be dismantled without first having to fully or partially
dismantle the canvas (4),

wherein the hooking means comprises a first flange (9)
disposed towards the canvas (4), and a second flange (11)
disposed towards the ceiling tiles (5), an inner wall (11a) of

the second flange (11) comprising a shoulder (17) adapted to receive, in simple abutment, the free end of the border (25) of the canvas (4) holding the canvas in a stretched condition, the first and second flanges are parallel flanges.

2-5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) Suspended ceiling according to Claim [[5]] 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the shoulder (17) is disposed on ~~the~~ a lower part of the second flange (11).

7. (currently amended) Suspended ceiling according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first and second flanges (9, 1) have the same downward length.

8. (currently amended) Suspended ceiling according to Claim [[2]] 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein,

an upper part of the parallel flanges (9, 11) terminates in a horizontal web (10) with two ends,

~~of which~~ the two ends terminate in two small vertical flanges (28) ~~which extend~~ extending upwardly and close at ~~their~~ respective upper parts by two horizontal borders (31), ~~so as to form defining a slideway (29) intended to receive a slide block (30) in the form of a parallelogram and of which the width (e₁)~~

~~is smaller than the opening of a width (e_2) separating the two borders (31).~~

9-12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) Suspended ceiling according to Claim [[5]] 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein,

an upper part of the parallel flanges (9, 11) terminates in a horizontal web (10) with two ends,

~~of which~~ the two ends terminate in two small vertical flanges (28) ~~which extend~~ extending upwardly and close at ~~their~~ respective upper parts by two horizontal borders (31), ~~so as to form~~ defining a slideway (29) ~~intended to receive~~ retaining a slide block (30) in the form of a parallelogram, the slide block having a ~~and of which the~~ width (e_1) ~~is~~ smaller than ~~the opening of a~~ width (e_2) separating the two borders (31).

14. (currently amended) Suspended ceiling according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein,

an upper part of the parallel flanges (9, 11) terminates in a horizontal web (10) with two ends,

~~of which~~ the two ends terminate in two small vertical flanges (28) ~~which extend~~ extending upwardly and close at ~~their~~ respective upper parts by two horizontal borders (31), ~~so as to form~~ defining a slideway (29) ~~intended to receive~~ retaining a

slide block (30) in the form of a parallelogram, the slide block having a ~~and of which the~~ width (e_1) ~~is~~ smaller than ~~the opening of~~ a width (e_2) separating the two borders (31).

15. (currently amended) Suspended ceiling according to Claim 7, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein,

an upper part of the parallel flanges (9, 11) terminates in a horizontal web (10) with two ends,

~~of which~~ the two ends terminate in two small vertical flanges (28) ~~which extend~~ extending upwardly and close at ~~their~~ respective upper parts by two horizontal borders (31), ~~so as to form~~ defining a slideway (29) ~~intended to receive~~ retaining a slide block (30) in the form of a parallelogram, the slide block having a ~~and of which the~~ width (e_1) ~~is~~ smaller than ~~the opening of~~ a width (e_2) separating the two borders (31).

16. (new) Suspended ceiling, comprising:

a canvas (4) with a periphery border having a free end (25);

ceiling tiles (5);

support elements (1) comprising peripheral rails and median rails (1), the median rails comprised of a horizontal surface (10), canvas hooking means (9, 11), and tile holding means (15),

the canvas hooking means comprising a first flange (9) extending downward from the horizontal surface and disposed towards the canvas (4), and a parallel second flange (11) extending downward from the horizontal surface and disposed towards the ceiling tiles (5), an inner wall (11a) of the second flange (11) comprising a shoulder (17) holding, in abutment, the free end of the border (25) of the canvas (4) with the canvas in a stretched condition,

the tile holding means comprising a planar surface connected to and extending horizontally from a lowermost edge of the second flange away from the canvas, the planar surface supporting the ceiling tiles, the ceiling tiles (5) being able to be dismantled without first having to fully or partially dismantle the canvas (4).

17. (new) Suspended ceiling according to Claim 16, wherein,

the shoulder (17) is disposed on a lower part of the second flange (11), and

the free end of the border bears against the shoulder and the canvas bears against a lowermost edge of the first flange.

18. (new) Suspended ceiling according to Claim 17, wherein said first and second flanges (9, 1) have the same downward length.

19. (new) Suspended ceiling according to Claim 16, further comprising:

a support zone (13) extending horizontally from the horizontal surface;

two vertical flanges (28) extending upwardly from the horizontal surface and the support zone;

two horizontal borders (31) closing the two vertical flanges to define a slideway (29); and

a slide block (30) retained in the slideway.

20. (new) Suspended ceiling, comprising:

a canvas (4) with a periphery border having a free end (25);

ceiling tiles (5);

support elements (1) comprising median rails (1),

the median rails comprised of a horizontal surface (10), canvas hooking means (9, 11) extending downward from the horizontal surface, and tile holding means (15) extending horizontally from the canvas hooking means,

the canvas hooking means comprising a first flange (9) disposed towards the canvas (4) and a parallel second flange (11)

disposed towards the ceiling tiles (5), an inner wall (11a) of the second flange (11) comprising a shoulder (17) holding, in abutment, the free end of the border (25) of the canvas (4) with the canvas in a stretched condition,

the tile holding means comprising a planar surface connected to and extending horizontally from a side of the second flange away from the canvas, the planar surface supporting the ceiling tiles, the ceiling tiles (5) being able to be dismantled without first having to fully or partially dismantle the canvas (4).

21. (new) Suspended ceiling according to Claim 20, wherein,

the shoulder (17) is disposed on a lower part of the second flange (11), and

the free end of the border bears against the shoulder and the canvas bears against a lowermost edge of the first flange.

22. (new) Suspended ceiling according to Claim 21, wherein said first and second flanges (9, 1) have the same downward length.

23. (new) Suspended ceiling according to Claim 20, further comprising:

two vertical flanges (28) extending upwardly from the horizontal surface;

two horizontal borders (31) closing the two vertical flanges to define a slideway (29); and

a slide block (30) retained in the slideway.